

Weekly Construction Update

May 19 – 23, 2014



Minnesota State Capitol Restoration Project

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What's Happening on Site this Week?

Exterior

- North Wing: Stone repairs continue on east façade.
- East Wing: Stone repairs continue on east façade.
- West Wing: Stone washing begins on north façade. Design team to analyze and document marble for repair on south façade.

Interior

- Basement: Concrete slab removal and foundation underpinning continues.
- Basement: Miscellaneous asbestos removal continues this week.
- Basement: Mechanical, electrical, plumbing installation continues where concrete slabs have been removed.
- Investigation continues of locations for new mechanical system shafts on the upper levels.

Anticipated Noise and Disturbances

Exterior

- Expect noise, vibration, and workers in view wherever there is scaffolding. This includes the East Wing east and north façades, and the North Wing east and north façades.

Interior

- Basement: Slab removal and underpinning will increase vibration and noise.
- Basement: The temporary corridors will continue to reconfigure to accommodate work areas.

Site Logistics – Getting Around the Capitol

- The basement is undergoing major construction. The temporary corridors will slightly reconfigure from day-to-day to accommodate work areas. Signage will guide you through the corridors.
- The two basement stairways leading to the ground level are no longer available. Please use the elevators or take Rathskeller stairs.
- An audio recording helps blind and low-vision visitors navigate the Capitol tunnel as they enter the Capitol basement from the State Office Building.
- We apologize for any inconveniences during this historic restoration project.
- You may want plan for a few extra minutes to get to your location(s).

Looking Ahead – Three Weeks Out

Exterior

- Architects will begin to analyze the stone on the building's south façade to help create construction documents for upcoming repair.
- Fencing installed around Lot N and Aurora Avenue.
- Lot N will close after tenants relocate. Aurora Avenue will close June 3.
- A section of the east end of Aurora Avenue will have several handicapped parking stalls available.

Interior

- Basement: Mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) underslab installation will continue.
- Basement: Underpinning and slab removal continues.

Featured Notice

Governors' portraits and historical furniture are being removed for safe storage. The Supreme Court, Senate and Office of the Attorney General moves begin.

Images of the Week

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Governors' portraits are being removed and placed in archival-quality packaging. They will be stored in a climate-controlled facility until the Capitol's repair and restoration work is complete.

Questions or Comments?

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